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1. Preliminary Amendment

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT


Sir:

Please amend the application identified above as follows:

In the claims:

Please substitute the following claims:

Claim 5 (amended):

 5. The method of Claim 4 in which the genetic construct comprises an anti-sense polynucleotide, a polynucleotide that binds to SHIP mRNA, a nucleic acid that hybridizes to a SHIP mRNA, an interfering RNA specific for SHIP mRNA, a recombinant retroviral vector, a ribozyme, an RNA aptamer, a peptidomimetic inhibitor of SHIP function, or a combination of any of the foregoing.